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SUBJECT: NEW ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON
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1. PAOLO PANSA CEDRONIO, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, TELEPHONED ME AT HOME EVENING DECEMBER 23 IN CONSIDERABLE EXCITEMENT. PANSA SAID HE WANTED TO SHARE ON STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND CLOSE-HOLD BASIS THE NEWS HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM ROME THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD APPROVED HIS SELECTION AS ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. HE DID NOT KNOW HOW SOON APPOINTMENT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AND WAS NOT SURE, FOR THAT MATTER, WHETHER AGREEMENT HAD YET BEEN ASKED OF USG. NEEDLESS TO SAY, PANSA WAS EXUBERANT OVER THE PROSPECTS.

2. COMMENT: PANSA HAS SERVED SIX YEARS AS DEPUTY SYG AND HAS OF COURSE HAD TO STAND IN THE SHADOW OF THE OVERWHELMING PERSONALITY OF JOSEPH LUNS. PANSA HAS, HOWEVER, A QUICK INTELLIGENCE AND IS A MAN OF BROAD CULTURE AND EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING SERVICE AS MINISTER IN LONDON AND ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO CHILE AND CANADA. HE HAS COME TO PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE AT NATO AND CONDUCTS AFFAIRS OF THE NATO SECRETARIAT IN AN EFFICIENT AND HARMONIZING MANNER. HE PRESIDES OVER THE NAC AND OTHER COUNCILS AS EFFECTIVELY AS DOES LUNS
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HIMSELF -- AND WITH LESS HISTORICALS. PANSA HAS ALWAYS BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE WITH THIS MISSION AND SHOULD ESTABLISH EASY RAPPORT WITH WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. HIS ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT, AS IS HIS FRENCH. BENNETT

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